

SENATE BILL 2860

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 11, Chapter 4; Title 67; Title 69, Chapter 9  
and Title 70, relative to the wildlife resources  
agency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-1-306(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(b)

(1) Expenditures from the wildlife resources fund for the purchase of real property shall be made in the name of the state for the use and benefit of the wildlife resources agency, and expenditures made for the purchase of personal property shall be made in the name of the wildlife resources agency.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, upon disposal by sale of any property, both real and personal, proceeds derived from the sale must be deposited in the general fund.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-5-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding the authority granted to the wildlife resources agency under this title to manage public hunting areas, refuges, and wildlife management areas and to support, promote, and enhance recreational hunting and fishing opportunities, the agency shall not harvest or cause to be harvested more than ten (10) acres of timber from an area or refuge within a two-year period. Prior to harvesting or causing the harvest of timber in an area or refuge, the agency shall submit a written request to the

division of forestry for the approval of the location, size, and species of timber to be harvested. The agency shall not harvest or cause to be harvested timber in an area or refuge without the approval of the division of forestry.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.